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THE MEXICAN FLUTE.

A Plan for the Revival of a Tunesful

Sweet Instrument.

There is no doubt about it," said

William Rosenberg, the venerable flute-

maker, "no playing among amateurs

has gone out of style. Worse than that,

the man who plays the flute for amusement

is laughed at; he is regarded as a

sort of Miss Nancy, and his friends

make sly remarks about his lowering

rents in his neighborhood. The verse-

makers write what they think are funny

lines about the toot of the flute, and so,

after taking all things into consideration,

the boy or young man with a taste for

music and a desire to learn some

musical instrument is actually laughed

out of beginning to play one of the best

parlor instruments that are made.

"But what does he learn instead, in

nine cases out of ten?" continued the

old gentleman. "Why, either the

spitting cornet or the musicless banjo.

Think of that! Instead of an in-

strument like the flute, with its soft,

sweet musical tones, he takes a brass

instrument and blows his lungs out trying

to get music out of it. Lowering rents,

indeed! Well, I don't want to be neighbor

to the young man who is playing the

cornet. The banjo isn't quite as bad,

but what music there is in its pink-a-

pink-a, pink-a-punk, I don't know.

Mr. Rosenberg spoke with the warmth

of a partisan. He pretends to be not

ing else. He has been making flutes

more years than most men live, and

looks back with regret to the days of

'84, when he employed a shopful of men,

and turned out flutes by the score.

Those were the days when it was

young men to play the German flute,

as the four, six and eight-keyed flutes

were called. Those were the days when

professional flute players were abundant

and received the same respect as long

ago. The flute was then a thing of

shop he still makes Boehm flutes, ap-

parently quite as skillfully as he ever

did.

"It is just possible," he continued,

"that the Boehm flute has something to

do with the decrease in the popularity

of the flute, although it is almost

treason to say so. The Boehm is a

perfect instrument, immeasurably superior

to the old flute. It is also very much

more expensive. The flute was then a

thing of a hundred and fifty dollars

upward. It is also more complicated in

its mechanism, although much easier to

play, and therefore more liable to get

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FARM AND FIRESIDE.

—Salt should be eaten with nuts to

aid digestion.—N. Y. Telegram.

—Rub your griddle with fine salt be-

fore you grease it, and your cakes will

not stick.

—Admiral Cook: One cup flour, two

cups meat, half cup molasses, one

teaspoonful saleratus, two cups sour milk,

little salt.—T. J. Black.

—Soda will clean unpainted sinks,

tables and floors. Rub soda and soap

on all grease spots; wash with hot

water and behold the results.—Cincinnati

Times.

—The following are said to be the

symptoms of hog cholera: Drooping

ears, low-hanging head, diarrhoea,

vomiting, rapid breathing and an aversion

to light.—Exchange.

—Hasty, hot food—and it can be

good—must not be eaten too hot, and

simmer and stew, but be heated

through as quickly as possible and sent

to the table at once.—The Caterer.

—To prevent the skin discoloring

after a bruise, take a little dry starch

or arrow-root, merely place it with

water and place it on the injured

part. This is but done immediately,

so as to prevent the action of the air

upon the skin.—Farm and Fireside.

—Never serve potatoes, boiled or

baked whole, in a closely-covered dish.

They become soggy and clammy.

Cover with a folded napkin that allows

the steam to escape, or absorb the

moisture.

—No farmer's wife ought to be too

busy to give an hour or more, occa-

sionally, to a few plants and flowers

around her house. The place will look

more "home-like" and make a more

favorable impression upon observers.—

Prairie Farmer.

—Corn Cakes: Grate raw, green corn

that is young and tender; to two cups

of grated corn, add two tablespoonfuls

of milk or cream, and three well-

beaten eggs; salt to taste, and add a

tablespoonful of melted butter, and

three heaped tablespoonfuls of flour.

Drop in spoonfuls on a hot, buttered

griddle, and turn once, and turn again

with a broad griddle-cake shovel or

"turner."—Cincinnati Times.

—If pork has ever soured or spoiled

in a barrel, it is not safe to use it for

pork again, no matter how thoroughly

it may be cleansed. The cost of a new

barrel is less than the value of the

pork which it will hold. It is true the

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A FORMIDABLE VESSEL.

The Projected Steel-Cruiser About to Be

Added to the United States Navy.

Secretary Whitney has determined

to include in the list of new cruisers for

which proposals are to be invited, the

large marmored cruiser authorized by

the bill passed recently to increase the

naval establishment, and has directed

that for this vessel the plans prepared

by Chief Constructor White, of Eng-

land, for the ship known as No. 27

be used. These plans contemplate a

vessel of greater power and speed than

any cruiser now afloat—in fact, the

very highest power vessel of the kind

in the world at the time of completion.

The principal dimensions of the vessel

are as follows: Length over all, 335

feet; beam, extreme, 43 feet 8 inches;

draft, mean, 19 feet 6 inches; load

displacement, 4,413 tons; I. H. P., 10,500,

forced combustion; twin screws; esti-

mated speed, 19 knots. The ship has

two military masts, no sail power ex-

cept storm sails; coal capacity about

900 tons. The complement of men

is 320. The main battery consists of

four 8-inch and six 6-inch breech-load-

ing rifles; secondary battery, eight 5-

7-millimeter single shot Hotchkiss guns,

two 37-millimeter revolver machine

guns and two 3-inch rapid firing guns.

The hull will be constructed of steel

throughout, with double bottom running

the entire length of the ship, or 150

feet. Throughout the length of the

double bottom the ship is constructed

on the bracket system, or combination

of the longitudinal and transverse

systems. Before and abaft the double

bottom the framing is of Z bars; the

frames in the double bottom are spaced

15 inches between centers; before and

abaft these points the spacing is 36

inches. The outer plating varies from

30 pounds to 175 pounds, the ordinary

weight being 20 pounds per square foot.

The machinery, magazines, shell-

rooms, torpedo rooms and steering

gear are placed below an armored deck,

which is 4 inches thick on its sloping

sides and 2 1/2 inches on the horizontal

part amidships. The outer edge of this

deck is four feet below the load line.

The hull is divided into two main

horizontal part amidships. All the open-

ings in this deck to machinery spaces,

magazines, shell-rooms, etc., are pro-

tected by coffer-dams. Above the